

United States Postal Service

§ 491.9

U.S.C. 5520a and the regulations in this section.

§ 491.7 Release of information.

No employee whose duties include responding to interrogatories to garnishments shall release information in response to a garnishment until it is determined that sufficient information, as required in § 491.4 above, has been received in writing as part of the garnishment legal process. The Authorized Agent may, at his or her sole discretion, accept or initiate telephone inquiries concerning garnishments. No other employee may release any information about employees except in conformity with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and the regulations in 39 CFR part 266, Privacy of Information.

§ 491.8 Execution of process.

All legal process in the nature of garnishment shall be date- and time-

stamped by the Authorized Agent when received for the purpose of determining the order of receipt of process that is sufficient as to legal form and contains sufficient information for identification of the employee, the Authorized Agent's date- and time-stamp shall be conclusive evidence. Child support and alimony garnishments will be accorded priority over commercial garnishments under 5 U.S.C. 5520a as provided in 5 U.S.C. 5520a(h)(2). Garnishments shall be executed if the pay cycle is open for input or, if closed, will be held until the next cycle.

§ 491.9 Restrictions on garnishment.

Garnishments under this section shall be subject to the restrictions in 15 U.S.C. 1671-1677, including limits on the amounts that can be withheld from an employee's pay.